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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Listing of Claims:

C1 1. (Currently Amended) A signal processing system for processing a signal having a plurality of signal components, each of the plurality of signal components having a different format, the signal processing system comprising:

an encoder capable of selectively encoding information a first one of the plurality of signal components having [[one]] a first format from a signal having a plurality of different formats, one of the different formats not selected by the encoder being modulated;

a data pump capable of selectively demodulating a second one of the plurality of signal components, the second one of the plurality of signal components being modulated; and

a driver channel interface capable of selectively outputting onto a packet based network the encoded information and demodulated information from said one of the different formats.

C1 2. (Currently Amended) The signal processing system of claim 1 wherein the selected first format comprises pulse code modulation.

3. (Currently Amended) The signal processing system of claim 1 wherein said one of the formats not selected by the

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~~encoder the second one of the plurality of signal components has a second format and wherein the second format comprises information modulated by a voiceband carrier.~~

4. (Original) The signal processing system of claim 1 wherein the encoded information comprises voice signals.

5. (Original) The signal processing system of claim 4 further comprising a voice activity detector which suppresses the voice signals without speech.

6. (Currently Amended) The signal processing system of claim 5 further comprising a comfort noise estimator which generates comfort noise parameters when the voice activity detector suppresses the voice signals, said comfort noise parameters being selectively outputted by ~~the driver on the~~ packet based network.

7. (Original) The signal processing system of claim 1 further comprising a decoder capable of decoding packets of information from the packet based network.

8. (Original) The signal processing system of claim 7 wherein the information packets include voice signals, the signal processing system further comprising a voice activity detector which detects the voice signals without speech, and a comfort noise generator which inserts comfort noise in place of the voice signals without speech.

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9. (Original) The signal processing system of claim 8 further comprising a comfort noise estimator which generates comfort noise parameters from at least a portion of the voice signals without speech, the comfort noise generator being responsive to the comfort noise parameters.

10. (Original) The signal processing system of claim 7 wherein the information packets include voice signals, the signal processing system further comprising a voice activity detector which detects lost voice signals, and a lost packet recovery engine which processes the voice signals to compensate for the lost voice signals.

11. (Original) The signal processing system of claim 1 further comprising a jitter buffer capable of receiving packets of information of varying delay from the packet based network and compensating for the delay variation of the information packets.

12. (Original) The signal processing system of claim 11 wherein the jitter buffer outputs an isochronous stream of the received information.

13. (Original) The signal processing system of claim 11 wherein the jitter buffer comprises a queue which buffers the received information for a holding time, and a voice synchronizer which adaptively adjusts the holding time of the queue.

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14. (Currently Amended) A method of processing a signal having a plurality of signal components, each of the plurality of signal components having a different format signals, the method comprising:

selectively encoding a first one of the plurality of signal components information having [[one]] a first format from a signal having a plurality of formats;

selectively demodulating a second one of the plurality of signal components, the second one of the plurality of signal components being modulated; and

selectively outputting onto a packet based network the encoded information and the demodulated information from the one of the formats not selected.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 wherein the selected first format comprises pulse code modulation.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 wherein said one of the formats not selected by the encoder second one of the plurality of signal components has a second format and wherein the second format comprises information modulated by a voiceband carrier.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 wherein the extracted encoded information includes voice signals.

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18. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising suppressing the voice signals when the voice signals do not comprise speech.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the suppression of the voice signals comprises generating comfort noise parameters in place thereof.

20. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising receiving information packets of varying delay from the packet based network, and compensating for the delay variation of the information packets.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the information packet compensation comprises generating an isochronous stream of the information.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the isochronous stream generation comprises adaptively buffering the information.

23. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising receiving packets of voice signals from the packet based network, identifying the received voice signals without speech, and inserting comfort noise in place of the identified voice signals without speech.

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24. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein the comfort noise insertion comprises estimating comfort noise in response to at least a portion of the received voice signals without speech.

25. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising receiving packets of voice signals from the packet based network, detecting lost voice signals, decoding the received voice signals, and processing the decoded voice signals to compensate for the lost voice signals.

26. (Currently Amended) A signal transmission system, comprising:

a first telephony device which outputs a first information signal having a first format;

a second telephony device which outputs a second information signal having a second format different from the first format, the second format being a modulated format;

a packet based network; and

a signal processing system coupling the first and the second telephony devices to the packet based network, the signal processing system having an encoder which encodes the first information signal having the first format, and a driver channel interface which selectively outputs onto the packet based network the encoded information and a demodulated form of the second information signal having the second format.

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27. (Original) The signal processing system of claim  
26 wherein the first format comprises pulse code modulation.

28. (Original) The signal processing system of claim  
26 wherein the second format comprises information modulated by  
a voiceband carrier.

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29. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
26 further comprising a switched circuit network coupling the  
first and the second telephony devices to the signal processing  
system.

30. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
29 wherein the switched circuit network comprises a public  
switching telephone network.

31. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
26 wherein the packet based network comprises internet protocol.

32. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
26 wherein the packet based network comprises frame relay.

33. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
26 wherein the packet based network comprises asynchronous  
transfer mode.

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34. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
26 wherein the packet based network comprises a time division  
multiplexing network.

35. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
26 wherein the first telephony device comprises a telephone.

36. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
26 wherein the second telephony device comprises a fax.

37. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
26 wherein the second telephony device comprises a modem.

38. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
26 wherein the encoded information comprises voice signals.

39. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
38 wherein the signal processing system further comprises a  
voice activity detector which suppresses the voice signals  
without speech.

40. (Currently Amended) The signal transmission system of  
claim 39 wherein the signal processing system further comprises  
a comfort noise estimator which generates comfort noise  
parameters when the voice activity detector suppresses the voice  
signals, said comfort noise parameters being selectively  
outputted by the driver output on the packet based network.

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41. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
26 wherein the signal processing system further comprising a  
decoder capable of decoding packets of information from the  
packet based network.

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42. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
41 wherein the information packets include voice signals, the  
signal processing system further comprising a voice activity  
detector which detects the voice signals without speech, and a  
comfort noise generator which inserts comfort noise in place of  
the voice signals without speech.

43. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
42 wherein the signal processing system further comprises a  
comfort noise estimator which generates comfort noise parameters  
from at least a portion of the voice signals without speech, the  
comfort noise generator being responsive to the comfort noise  
parameters.

44. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
41 wherein the information packets include voice signals, the  
signal processing system further comprising a voice activity  
detector which detects lost voice signals, and a lost packet  
recovery engine which processes the voice signals to compensate  
for the lost voice signals.

45. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim  
26 wherein the signal processing system further comprises a

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jitter buffer capable of receiving packets of information of varying delay from the packet based network and compensating for the delay variation of the information packets.

46. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim 45 wherein the jitter buffer outputs an isochronous stream of the received information.

47. (Original) The signal transmission system of claim 45 wherein the jitter buffer comprises a queue which buffers the received information for a holding time, and a voice synchronizer which adaptively adjusts the holding time of the queue.

48. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting signals, comprising:

transmitting receiving a first information signal having  
[[one]] a first format from a first telephony device via a  
communication medium;

receiving a second information signal having a second  
format from a second telephony device via the communication  
medium, the second format being a modulated format;

discriminating between the first information signal having  
the one format and the second information signal having a  
different format, said different format being a modulated  
format;

selectively encoding the first information signal;  
selectively demodulating the second information signal; and

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selectively outputting onto a packet based network the encoded information and demodulated information ~~having the different format.~~

49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48 wherein the [[one]] first format comprises pulse code modulation.

50. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48 wherein the ~~different~~ second format comprises information modulated by a voiceband carrier.

51. (Original) The method of claim 48 wherein the information having the first format is transmitted on a switched circuit network.

52. (Original) The method of claim 51 wherein the switched circuit network comprises a public switching telephone network.

53. (Original) The method of claim 48 wherein the packet based network comprises internet protocol.

54. (Original) The method of claim 48 wherein the packet based network comprises frame relay.

55. (Original) The method of claim 48 wherein the packet based network comprises asynchronous transfer mode.

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56. (Original) The method of claim 48 wherein the packet based network comprises a time division multiplexing network.

57. (Original) The method of claim 48 wherein the first telephony device comprises a telephone.

58. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48 wherein the information having the different format is transmitted from the second telephony device comprises a fax.

59. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48 wherein the information having the different format is transmitted from wherein the second telephony device comprises a modem.

60. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48 wherein the [[one]] first format comprises pulse code modulation.

61. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48 wherein the different second format comprises information modulated by a voiceband carrier.

62. (Original) The method of claim 48 wherein the discriminated information includes voice signals.

63. (Original) The method of claim 60 further comprising suppressing the voice signals when the voice signals do not comprise speech.

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64. (Original) The method of claim 61 wherein the suppression of the voice signals comprises generating comfort noise parameters in place thereof.

65. (Original) The method of claim 48 further comprising receiving information packets of varying delay from the packet based network, and compensating for the delay variation of the information packets.

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66. (Original) The method of claim 63 wherein the information packet compensation comprises generating an isochronous stream of the information.

67. (Original) The method of claim 64 wherein the isochronous stream generation comprises adaptively buffering the information.

68. (Original) The method of claim 48 further comprising receiving packets of voice signals from the packet based network, identifying the received voice signals without speech, and inserting comfort noise in place of the identified voice signals without speech.

69. (Original) The method of claim 66 wherein the comfort noise insertion comprises estimating comfort noise in response to at least a portion of the received voice signals without speech.

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70. (Original) The method of claim 48 further comprising receiving packets of voice signals from the packet based network, detecting lost voice signals, decoding the received voice signals, and processing the decoded voice signals to compensate for the lost voice signals.

71. (Currently Amended) A signal processing system for processing a signal having a plurality of signal components, each of the plurality of signal components having a different format, the signal processing system comprising:

encoding means for selectively encoding information having one a first one of the plurality of signal components having a first format from a signal having a plurality of different formats, one of the different formats not selected by the encoding means being modulated;

demodulating means for demodulating a second one of the plurality of signal components of the plurality of signal components, the second one of the plurality of signal components being modulated; and

driving channel interface means for selectively outputting onto a packet based network the encoded information and demodulated information from said one of the different formats.

72. (Currently Amended) The signal processing system of claim 71 wherein the selected first format comprises pulse code modulation.

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73. (Currently Amended) The signal processing system of claim 71 wherein ~~said one of the formats not selected by the encoding means~~ the second one of the plurality of signal components has a second format and wherein the second format comprises information modulated by a voiceband carrier.

74. (Previously Presented) The signal processing system of claim 71 wherein the encoded information comprises voice signals.

75. (Previously Presented) The signal processing system of claim 74 further comprising suppression means for suppressing the voice signals without speech.

76. (Currently Amended) The signal processing system of claim 75 further comprising means for generating comfort noise parameters when the suppression means suppresses the voice signals, said comfort noise parameters being selectively ~~outputted by the driving means~~ output onto the packet based network.

77. (Previously Presented) The signal processing system of claim 71 further comprising means for decoding packets of information from the packet based network.

78. (Previously Presented) The signal processing system of claim 77 wherein the information packets include voice signals, the signal processing system further comprising means

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for detecting the voice signals without speech, and noise generation means for inserting comfort noise in place of the voice signals without speech.

79. (Previously Presented) The signal processing system of claim 78 further comprising means for generating comfort noise parameters from at least a portion of the voice signals without speech, the noise generation means being responsive to the comfort noise parameters.

80. (Previously Presented) The signal processing system of claim 77 wherein the information packets include voice signals, the signal processing system further comprising means for detecting lost voice signals, and means for processing the voice signals to compensate for the lost voice signals.

81. (Previously Presented) The signal processing system of claim 71 further comprising compensation means for receiving packets of information of varying delay from the packet based network and compensating for the delay variation of the information packets.

82. (Previously Presented) The signal processing system of claim 81 wherein the compensation means comprises queue means for buffering the received information for a holding time, and means for adaptively adjusting the holding time of the received information.

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83. (Currently Amended) Computer-readable media embodying a program of instructions executable by a computer to perform a method of processing a signal having a plurality of signal components, each of the plurality of signal components having a different format, the method comprising:

~~selectively encoding a first one of the plurality of signal components information having [[one]] a first format from a signal having a plurality of formats;~~

~~selectively demodulating a second one of the plurality of signal components, the second one of the plurality of signal components being modulated; and~~

~~selectively outputting onto a packet based network the encoded information and demodulated information from one of the formats not selected.~~

84. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable media of claim 83 wherein the ~~selected~~ first format comprises pulse code modulation.

85. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable media of claim 83 wherein ~~said one of the formats not selected by the encoder~~ the second one of the plurality of signal components has a second format and wherein the second format comprises information modulated by a voiceband carrier.

86. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable media of claim 83 wherein the extracted information includes voice signals.

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87. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable media of claim 86 wherein the method further comprises suppressing the voice signals when the voice signals do not comprise speech.

88. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable media of claim 87 wherein the suppression of the voice signals comprises generating comfort noise parameters in place thereof.

89. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable media of claim 83 wherein the method further comprises receiving information packets of varying delay from the packet based network, and compensating for the delay variation of the information packets.

90. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable media of claim 89 wherein the information packet compensation comprises generating an isochronous stream of the information.

91. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable media of claim 90 wherein the isochronous stream generation comprises adaptively buffering the information.

92. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable media of claim 83 wherein the method further comprises receiving packets of voice signals from the packet based network, identifying the received voice signals without speech, and inserting comfort noise in place of the identified voice signals without speech.

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93. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable media of claim [[93]] 92 wherein the comfort noise insertion comprises estimating comfort noise in response to at least a portion of the received voice signals without speech.

94. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable media of claim 83 wherein the method further comprises receiving packets of voice signals from the packet based network, detecting lost voice signals, decoding the received voice signals, and processing the decoded voice signals to compensate for the lost voice signals.

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